

BURR HOPES THAT MEN WILL REMAIN

Commandant at Rock Island Arsenal Confident Mechanics Will Hesitate Before Striking.

SHOULD CONSIDER HOME TIES

Officer Points to Advantages of Workmen Engaged by Government and Those Elsewhere.

Colonel George W. Burr, commandant at Rock Island arsenal, in a statement issued today relative to the impending strike of machinists, tool makers and turret lathe operators, demonstrated the faith he had in employees of the government plant by stating that he believed they would be influenced by home ties and interests before they would consider a walkout.

No retraction has been made by the union men of the ultimatum offered to Colonel Burr Saturday, in which the committee of the union announced a strike to become effective at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Officials of the union say that 700 men will be involved in the strike. Referring to the ultimatum presented to him Saturday by the machinists' union at the Rock Island arsenal to the effect that the members of that union would strike at 10 o'clock tomorrow unless certain conditions were fulfilled, Colonel Burr today issued the following statement:

"Having sincerely at heart the interests of the arsenal and its employees, especially those who are threatening to strike without any justifiable reason therefor, a restatement of the subject in controversy and of the decision in regard thereto made by the secretary of war in conjunction with the secretary of labor may clarify the atmosphere and prevent some employee from taking an ill-considered step affecting his livelihood. The Ordnance department pays its employees the wages paid for similar work by private concerns in the vicinity. The machinists' union asked for an increase of wages, to be based largely on the wages paid machinists in Chicago. The arsenal management claimed substantially that the wages of the arsenal machinists should be the same as those of similar mechanics in private establishments in the quad-cities. A disagreement thus arose. The secretary of war asked the department of labor to investigate and report facts. The department of labor had a skilled investigator make the investigation in the quad-cities and in Chicago, and, upon his report, the secretary of war, with the assistance of the secretary of labor, decided that for wage adjustment purposes, for machinists and tool makers at Rock Island arsenal the wages of similar employees of private establishments in the quad-cities only should be considered and that Chicago should be excluded. It is because of dissatisfaction with this decision that the union machinists are threatening to strike.

Some increases assured. The investigation has disclosed that certain increases of pay are proper and these will be made. Absolutely no reductions of pay are contemplated. The machinists are threatening to strike without waiting to find out what the increase of pay will amount to.

"That the public generally may understand exactly the conditions under which machinists work at the Rock Island arsenal and the method of application of the rule of paying the prevailing wage of the vicinity at the arsenal, an example is given. Most of the private shops of the tri-cities work 10 hours a day. The arsenal works eight hours per day. A machinist working in one of these 10-hour shops for \$4 a day would also receive \$4 per day for an eight-hour day at the arsenal. The machinist working in the private shop in one year's time would work 306 days (of 10 hours each), which at \$4 per day would give him \$1,224 per year. That machinist, if working at the arsenal, would be paid for 312 days at \$4 per day, or \$1,248, yet he would work only 284 1/2 days of eight hours each, or 2,276 hours, because he is given 15 working days' leave with pay, for seven legal holidays and for 13 Saturday afternoons in the summer time, or a total of 28 1/2 days in which he does no work. To sum up, the employee in the private shop in the vicinity would receive \$1,224 per year, the arsenal employee \$1,248. For this pay the employee in the private shop would work 3,060 hours, while for the greater pay the arsenal employee would work only 2,276 hours. The employee in the outside shop would receive 40 cents per hour worked, while the arsenal employee would receive 55 cents per hour worked, or 37 1/2 per cent per hour more than the similar workman in the private shop. Another way of stating this is that, due to the government's liberality in leaves and holidays, the arsenal employee works on the average three and a half days of eight hours each, or 28 1/2 hours, and then has one full day's rest, while the employee in the outside shop works six days of 10 hours each, or 60 hours, before he has his one day of rest. In other words, the arsenal employee, while getting more pay, gets one full day of rest for 28 hours of work while the outside employee gets one full day of rest after 60 hours' work. The manufacturing establishments of the tri-cities are known the country over for their just and equitable treatment of their employees. Comparatively the arsenal employee's conditions are much superior, yet the above are the conditions and the pay with which the machinists' union is dissatisfied and is threatening a strike.

Believe Men Misinformed. "I do not believe that the employees of this arsenal will permit themselves to be misled in this matter. I believe that when the employees concerned understand the conditions and understand that they have from some source been given misinformation on this subject, which misinformation is the basis of their contemplated action, they will decline to follow their so-called leaders into a strike.

WILL ENTER NAVAL ACADEMY NEXT JUNE



Wilmer T. Cox.

The unusual opportunity which has come to Wilmer Cox, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cox, 731 Nineteenth street, Rock Island, is appreciated by him. He will enter the United States Naval academy at Annapolis next month, having recently received announcement of his successful passing of the rigid entrance examination to the big institution. Congressman Clyde H. Tavenner appointed Mr. Cox.

It does not seem reasonable that these employees will be so ill-advised as to quit their employment and give up the advantages of employment which they have upon the misstatements and misinformation furnished them by leaders whose greatest anxiety appears to be to make the employees think that the leaders are earning their pay. I prefer to think that these employees will listen to the requests of their wives and children and will be influenced by home ties and interests before they proceed to the point of giving up a job which for pay and working conditions cannot be duplicated in the middle west. Already the arsenal is in receipt of inquiries from other citizens willing and anxious to take any place that may be vacated and only waiting for the opportunity.

STATE G. A. R. IN GOLDEN JUBILEE

Celebration in Its Birthplace, Decatur, May 23, 24, 25 at Annual Encampment.

The golden jubilee of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic will be celebrated in its birthplace, Decatur, May 23, 24 and 25, when the annual encampment will be held. It is expected that many from Rock Island county will attend this golden anniversary and will include members of the Woman's Relief corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Daughters and Sons of Veterans and other patriotic organizations. Mrs. Cinderella Hoppe, press correspondent of the Woman's Relief corps, No. 66, has prepared the following brief history of the G. A. R.:

"The history of the founding of the Grand Army of the Republic is of particular interest to every American citizen, be he old or young. The idea originated with Chaplain W. J. Rutledge, the mate and bosom friend of Dr. B. F. Stephenson, afterward major. It was on the march in the campaign of the Sherman expedition to Meridian in 1864 when Chaplain Rutledge suggested that some organization should be formed after the war which would preserve the friendship and memories of the bitter trials and dangers encountered during the great conflict and struggle to save the union. Many conversations were held on the subject, and early in 1865 Dr. Stephenson showed notes of a proposed ritual for an organization to many in Springfield.

"On April 6, 1866, Major Stephenson, assisted by Captain Phelps, organized the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic known as Post 1 of Decatur, District of Macon, Department of Illinois. The charter was issued by Commander B. F. Stephenson, commander of the department, and Robert Mann Woods, adjutant general.

"Colonel John M. Snyder and Major Robert Mann Woods were the first Grand Army staff officers and are the only two surviving members of Post 1.

"Commander Snyder is very proud of being department commander of Illinois. He was in command of Illinois department at the great national encampment held at Washington, D. C., last September, and, by virtue of seniority, rode at the head of the great column of veterans, which repeated the grand parade of veterans 50 years ago at the close of the civil war.

"The department of Illinois will hold its 50th encampment at Decatur on the 23rd, 24th and 25th of May. This being the 'Golden Anniversary' and in the birthplace of the department, should be attended by all comrades and auxiliary organizations.

"All members of the Woman's Relief corps, Ladies of the Grand Army, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Grand Army, as well as comrades, are most cordially invited."

City Briefs

Buy a home of Reidy Bros. Tri-City Towel Supply company. For express, call William Trefz, Graham's dancing school, Davenport 5394-W.

Hardy ferns. Order from Young & McCombs or Harper House flower store.

DANIEL H. CORKEN CALLED BY DEATH

Former Council Member and Veteran Shop Foreman Expires at Home After Long Illness.

MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS HERE

Had Served as Chief of Rock Island Plow Company Foundry for Quarter of Century.

Death called another of Rock Island's popular and substantial citizens when Daniel H. Corken passed from his residence, 1431 Seventh avenue, Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. Mr. Corken had been in failing health three years. While his death had not been unexpected, he having failed rapidly in the past few weeks, nevertheless it will occasion deep sorrow in the city where he was so well known, having been a resident here since he was brought to the city by his parents more than a half a century ago.

Mr. Corken had served four terms as alderman from the Third ward. Each term was under a different mayor. He was first elected in 1886, always running as a democrat, having been one of the active and loyal workers in the ranks of that party all his life. He was a member of important committees of the council during his service as alderman, and was one of the prime movers in the launching of the paid fire department. He had formerly served as a member of the volunteer fire department.

Native of Baltimore.

Baltimore, Maryland, was the birth place of Mr. Corken. He was born there Nov. 8, 1851, a son of John and Julia (Maloney) Corken, both natives of Ireland. The family moved to Rock Island from Baltimore in 1860. The son, Daniel, attended the public and Catholic parochial schools of Rock Island. When 11 years of age he entered the employ of Knott & Kaiser, one of the pioneer bakery firms of this city. During his apprenticeship he delivered bread to the soldiers at Rock Island arsenal. After a year in the bakery shop he secured a place with Babcock, Fleming & Brady, who conducted a foundry. He learned the molding trade and was made foreman of the shop. At that time he was said to have been the youngest shop foreman in the United States. In 1872 Mr. Corken left the foundry firm and entered the employ of the government at Rock Island arsenal. He was one of two molders who established the first arsenal foundry. He remained at the arsenal until 1885, when he became foreman of the Rock Island Plow company foundry, continuing with the company in that capacity until his resignation in 1910, having served the concern a quarter century.

Wife and Four Sons Left.

Mr. Corken was married in Rock Island, April 13, 1874, to Mary E. Buckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Buckley, late of Canoe Creek township. Surviving Mr. Corken besides his wife are four sons: John B. and Charles Bert of Rock Island; Edward E. of Peoria, Ill.; and Stephen F. of Prairie du Chien, Wis.; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Meehan of Blue Island, Ill.; Misses Julia and Margaret Corken of Rock Island, and three brothers, John W. of Chicago, Maurice of Kansas City, and Michael of Rock Island. There are also 11 grandchildren. All of the survivors are here to attend the funeral. A son, Harry D. Corken, died in 1901.

Praternally Mr. Corken was a member of the following societies: St. Joseph's branch No. 15, Western Catholic Union, No. 10, Hawes camp No. 1559, Modern Woodmen of America, and Allouez council, Knights of Columbus.

The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning from St. Mary's Catholic church. Interment will be in the family lot in Chippianock cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. August F. Sehner. Funeral of Mrs. August F. Sehner was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home, 1104 Third street. Rev. F. J. Hoff, pastor of the German Evangelical church, was in charge of the services. Burial was in Chippianock cemetery. Members of the local order of Ows acted as pallbearers.

Miss Jane Gardner. Word was received here late Saturday of the death of Miss Jane Gardner, who passed away Friday at her home in Kent, Wash. Funeral services were held at Kent this afternoon, with burial in that city. Miss Gardner was a former resident of this county, for many years living on the Rose Hill farm, two miles southeast of Andalusia. She left here 15 years ago to make her home in the west. She is survived by a brother, John Gardner; a nephew, Giesey Young, Kent, Wash.; a niece, Miss Bessie Gardner, New York City, and a cousin, Charles L. Williams of this city.

SAFE BLOWERS GET \$1,600 AT STREATOR

Streator, Ill., May 15.—Robbers entered the saloon of Anderson and Trapp after the watchman had made his last round before daybreak today and demolished the safe with dynamite.

They obtained \$1,600 and escaped, leaving the building a wreck. Blood hounds were put on the trail of the robbers and a posse in automobiles took up the chase.

AGED WOMAN MEETS TRAGIC END ON FARM

State's Attorney Floyd E. Thompson returned today from Rodhouse, Ill., where he was called by the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Theresa Taylor, aged 68, who was burned to death last Friday on her farm near that place, while burning brush. Funeral services were held yesterday.

Rockford Wants Gas Probe. Springfield, Ill., May 15.—A petition from the city of Rockford was filed with the Illinois public utilities commission today for an investigation as to whether the present gas rate of 50 cents per thousand cubic feet, charged consumers by the Rockford Gas, Light & Coke company was not excessive.

PROMINENT CITIZEN AT THE END OF LIFE



Daniel H. Corken.

FRED BARG LOSES LIFE IN ACCIDENT

Cooper Employed By Rock Island Brewing Company, Killed by Ammonia Explosion.

WAS WORKING IN THE CELLAR

Pipe Breaks Releasing Deadly Fumes Which Makes Recovery of Body Difficult.

Fred W. Barg, cooper, aged 45, residing at 518 Fifteenth street, was killed this afternoon at 2 o'clock by an ammonia explosion while working in the cellar of the Rock Island Brewing company's plant at Seventh avenue and Thirtieth street.

The explosion which cost the life of Barg shook the entire building. The unfortunate workman was near a pipe which broke and liberated the deadly fumes and death is thought to have been instantaneous.

It was with the greatest difficulty that the body was recovered. Workmen rushed to the cellar, but the fumes were so powerful that no aid could be extended. A call for the fire department was sent in and the crew at the station at Thirtieth street responded. The firemen finally succeeded with the use of ropes in recovering the body. The lungmotor was applied, but it was of no avail.

Another Escapes.

The face of Mr. Barg had been severely burned by the explosion. Paul Shulze, another workman was on the floor below, but escaped without injury. It was thought at first that a second employee was with Barg, but a preliminary check of the men showed that all were accounted for. Mr. Barg was a married man and had made his home in Rock Island for many years.

DUNNE SEES BAKER ABOUT WATERWAY

Washington, May 15.—Governor Dunne and most of the Illinois congressmen asked Secretary Baker today to approve the plans for an inland waterway to connect Lake Michigan with the Gulf of Mexico.

Governor Dunne told Secretary Baker that Illinois had appropriated \$5,000,000 for the canal within its borders. Secretary Baker indicated that the project should await congressional legislation regulating waterways and power projects.

The state of Wisconsin and the Canadian government had representatives at the hearing to record objections that the canal might divert too much water from Lake Michigan.

HIGH WATER CREST NOW NEARS QUINCY

Quincy, Ill., May 15.—The Mississippi river reach 18 1/2 feet here this morning, the highest stage since 1903. With the water still rising, river men expected a stage of 19 feet by midnight. Railroad tracks on both sides of the river are covered near this city. Twelve miles of track are submerged below Gregory, Mo.; several miles of track are covered below Le Grange, Mo., and a section of track near West Quincy, Mo., is covered; water is up to the rails at places on the Illinois side, farm houses and barns in the Missouri bottoms are surrounded by water.

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Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant, remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, gray or dry, scraggly and thin. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," thus avoiding a lot of fuss.

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PRISONER INSANE COUNSEL'S CLAIM

Allege Michael Bolton, Charged With Burglary and Larceny Cannot Be Prosecuted.

IS VICTIM OF THE DRUG HABIT

Effort Being Made to Have Jury in Circuit Court Pass on Defendant's Mental Condition.

Is Michael Bolton insane? That is the interesting question which his counsel J. Clinton Searle and Phil Wells are seeking to have a jury pass on in circuit court. They claim that the man who is under indictment for burglary and larceny for breaking into the drug store of Charles Strate, Rock Island, April 15, last, and taking stock valued at \$47.55, is not in his right mind and therefore cannot be convicted.

The point was raised in a petition which was presented this afternoon to Judge W. T. Church in circuit court, by counsel for defendant. It was averred that Bolton is now insane through the excessive use of drugs and that before he can be tried for the crime with which he is charged, his mental condition should be determined.

Thompson Fights Move. State's Attorney F. E. Thompson calls the move a "dodge" and is pre-

pared to resist the plan to have Bolton sent to Watertown hospital for treatment for the dope habit and thus escape punishment.

Just what procedure should be in an instance of this kind is bothering both the court and counsel. It is claimed by attorneys for Bolton that Judge W. T. Church can order that a jury from the present petit panel be selected to hear evidence concerning the sanity of Bolton and that if they find him insane at the present time, he can be sent to Watertown, which procedure would hold in abeyance all criminal action, at least until he is returned to normal mental condition.

Others contend that a special jury must be called in this kind of a case, since the petit jury is not summoned for the purpose of passing on matters concerning the mental condition of defendants but to determine their guilt or innocence of crimes with which they are charged.

If State's Attorney Thompson would consent to the examination into Bolton's sanity, the indictment could be filed in the regular way in county court for a medical commission to be named. The county prosecutor does not believe Bolton insane and takes the position that he should be prosecuted. It is claimed there is not a single Illinois court in which the questions brought up in the present situation, have been determined by the higher courts.

PERSONAL POINTS

Miss Anna Griffin left this morning for Coal Valley for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Homer E. Shaw, who has been visiting in the city, left today for Peoria from where she will return to her home in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Corad have returned from a two weeks' sojourn in Excelsior Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Newton of Columbus, Ohio, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Anderson of Forty-sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heffner, 1653 Nineteenth street, have returned home from Boardman, where they were called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Heffner, aged mother of the former. Mrs. Heffner had often visited in Rock Island and had many friends here who will be grieved to know of her passing.

HAROLD McCORMICK RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

Chicago, May 15.—The resignation of Harold F. McCormick, as treasurer of the International Harvester company and the International Harvester corporation, became public today in the form of an announcement by Cyrus H. McCormick, president of the company. George A. Ranney, secretary of the company since 1913, succeeds to the position of treasurer.

Harold McCormick is now in Switzerland. He will continue participation in the management of the company as vice president and member of the board of directors.